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1. A row of trenches starts from the hill near Dospat village (N 41-39, E 24-08), Peshtera Okoliya, which is known as "Kel Tepe", located slightly northeast of the Border Guard barracks of the village. Starting from there, the trenches zigzag down to the Dospat - Devin road without interruption, then zigzag along the north side of the road to Kasuka village (N 41-38, E 24-13), Peshtera Okoliya. They stop at the "Lisichata Dupka" (Fox Den) place (N 41-40, E 24-10) which is a gully located approximately two kilometers from Dospat village. The trench is approximately 2.2-2.4 kilometers in length.
2. From the "Lisichata Dupka" place, the trench crosses to the south side of the Dospat - Devin road, makes a full circle around one of the little peaks in this area and then parallels the road to Kasuka village, close to the road, about 8-10 meters from it. This row of trenches ends in the "Kasushkiya Sinor" (Kasuka village limits), almost touching the southeastern side of the village.
3. Along the length of these trenches and almost from its start (the "Kel Tepe" elevation), massive earthworks have been constructed. These works have underground rooms which are approximately three meters wide, three meters long, and two meters high. They are covered with massive beams over which there is a layer of earth. three of these earthworks are located almost at the trench line, i.e. the trench comes in one side of them and goes out the other. The bases of the earthworks are approximately one meter deeper than those of the trenches and there are three steps to climb down into them. The steps are built of stone masonry bricks. Except for the two entrances which lead to the trenches, there are no openings in the earthworks which might be able to be used as embrasures. Two of these massive earthworks are located approximately 200 meters east of the barracks of the Border Guard unit in the village.

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4. [] one line of trenches starts approximately two kilometers north of Dospat, at the east side of the Dospat - Peshtera road, for about 200 meters along that road. It runs along in a zigzag manner after which it crosses to the west side of the road and goes farther from the road but parallel to it. These trenches are approximately two kilometers in length. 25X1
5. [] many lines of trenches are located on the hills along both sides of the Dospat - Gotse Delchev (formerly Nevrokop) road and especially along the section from Dospat village to Satovcha village (N 41-37, E 23-59), but could not identify their exact locations or estimate their total length. 25X1
6. A hill known as "Khisara" (N 41-40, E 24-09) is located northwest of Dospat village and enclosed between the Dospat - Peshtera road and the Dospat - Nevrokop road. This hill has two peaks. Around the bottom of them a row of trenches have been constructed. A massive earthworks of the type described above has been built at these trenches.
7. One row of trenches is located at "Melkiya Bair" (N 41-40, E 24-07), situated on the south side of the road to Nevrokop, approximately 2.5 kilometers west of Dospat village, at the corner formed between the road and the branch which runs to Lyubcha village (N 41-38, E 24-06), Peshtera Okoliya. Approximately 70-80 meters south of the road and about 300 meters west of the road to Lyubcha, there is a row of trenches which has a total length of approximately 250 meters. Here also there is a massive earthworks of the type described above.

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